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SUBJECT: COFFEE PRODUCTION FIGURES REVISED DOWNWARD WHILE SOME
OF BURUNDI'S COFFEE BEING SMUGGLED INTO RWANDA

REF: (A) BUJUMBURA 549, (B) BUJUMBURA 623, (C) BUJUMBURA 759

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT BURUNDI'S PARCHMENT COFFEE PRODUCTION
THIS YEAR WILL TOTAL ONLY 18,000 TONS INSTEAD OF THE 21,000 TONS
FIRST EXPECTED, AND THAT THIS WILL YIELD ABOUT 13,000 TONS OF
MARKETABLE COFFEE (REFTEL A). THE MEDIOCRE HARVEST HAS BEEN
DISAPPOINTING, ESPECIALLY SO BECAUSE SOME OF THE COFFEE HAS BEEN
AND CONTINUES TO BE SMUGGLED INTO RWANDA.

2. COULD YOU GIVE US AN IDEA ABOUT HOW MANY TONS OF BURUNDI'S
COFFEE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ADDED TO RWANDA'S QTE. OUTPUT QTE.?
OUR SOURCES SAY FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND TONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SMUGGLED
FROM BURUNDI INTO RWANDA (REFTEL B).

3. COULD YOU ALSO TELL US WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL
PRICES BEING PAID FOR PARCHMENT COFFEE BY THE BUYERS IN KIGALI?
WE HEAR REPORTS THAT SOME COFFEE IS BEING BOUGHT UNOFFICIALLY AT
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137 FRANCS A KILO, A PRICE CONSIDERABLY ABOVE BOTH THE OFFICIAL
RWANDAN PRICE OF 120 AND THE 110 OFFERED IN BURUNDI.

4. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN OUR DISCUSSIONS IN BUJUMBURA IF WE
KNEW WHAT THE COFFEE PRODUCTION WILL BE IN RWANDA THIS YEAR?
HOW MANY TONS OF IT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD? HOW MANY TONS
HAVE COMMITMENTS BEEN MADE FOR? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE SELLING PRICE?

5. FINALLY, HAVE YOU ANY EVIDENCE THAT RWANDAN AUTHORITIES EVER
WANTED OR TRIED TO GET INTO A DIALOGUE ON COFFEE PRICES AND SALES
WITH BURUNDIAN COUNTERPARTS, OR, INDEED THAT THE SUBJECT HAS EVER
ARISEN IN BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS (REFTEL C)?

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